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## Kind Fights for Responsible Budget, American Values and Priorities in Budget Battle

*Supports balancing the budget, ending 'borrow and spend' status quo, middle income tax relief*

**Washington, DC** – Today, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind led efforts in the House of Representatives to adopt a responsible budget that reflects national priorities, brings the budget to back to balance and helps Americans achieve financial security. Kind managed a segment of debate on the floor of the House on the Budget Resolution for FY 2005, beginning October 1. The Republican Budget Resolution passed 215-212 on Thursday evening. Kind supported budget alternatives that would have corrected flaws in the Republican budget by bringing the budget to balance in eight years, just when the baby boomers begin their massive retirement and extending middle-income tax relief for working families.

"Budgeting is a matter of priorities," said Kind, member of the House Budget Committee. "Instead of helping American families, the Republican budget ignores the needs of Americans and exacerbates a deficit created under their watch. In contrast the alternatives that I supported protect key services, while extending middle-income tax cuts and achieving a balanced budget."

The Republican budget adds \$1.3 trillion more than the Democratic budget to the national debt over ten years and extends tax cuts for millionaires at the expense of increased deficits and decreased funding for investments in job creation, education and social security. Alternatively, the Democratic substitute institutes budget enforcement tools to require the government to pay its bills and meets national priorities; providing for tax relief for middle-income taxpayers, protecting Social Security and Medicare, providing for defense and homeland security and reducing the deficit.

During the House budget writing process, Kind urged his colleagues to apply the same fiscal responsibility to the federal budget process that a hard working American would in crafting a personal budget. Kind also offered amendments to help working families by creating jobs, protecting social security, and lowering the cost of college education.

"This budget debate represents a choice between the 'borrow and spend' status quo that the Republican budget represents and the responsible budget plans that Democrats proposed," said Kind. "The Republican budget adds billions of dollars to the growing deficit, undercuts national priorities and puts tax cuts for the wealthiest 1% above the needs of struggling Americans. Every American will bear the cost of these misguided priorities."